

What do we offer? Peer learning and connecting minds!

The “Open Educational Ideas” initiative is creating a platform to share new ideas and make the creation of educational resources more open and collaborative. For example, if:

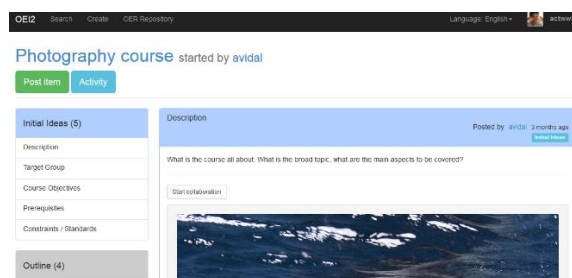
You are preparing a new course

- You can reach out to interested peers, invite to comment on your course plan or share suitable teaching materials;
- You can opt for a work space with typical steps of course creation while using your preferred tools to prepare materials; and
- You can follow-up with new contributions.

You are looking for resources and ideas in your subject

- You can discover open textbooks or open online courses in progress;
- You learn how to join in, whether by sharing your thoughts on the idea, involving an interested colleague or helping to create/collect useful open resources; and
- You can find active peers and grow a trusted network of contributors to future ideas.

Our new platform will become a place to find others to work together from the very beginning when bouncing around ideas to the final outcome. You can contribute at any stage and benefit from the resources (ready-made or adapted/remixed by yourself) in your own teaching and learning context.



Find the idea sharing platform at <http://www.idea-space.eu/>

You have the chance to tell us how to improve the platform and we will work hard to make it better throughout 2015.

Who is it for? Everyone learning and/or teaching!

You can join in, if you are a student, a school teacher, a university lecturer, a software developer working on an educational technology or if you are simply interested in discovering something new and share your knowledge.

Why doing, what we are doing? An initiative to help OER to go mainstream!

Open educational resources (OER) can be everything of value to educators and learners such as videos, lesson

plans, hand-outs, entire textbooks that carry an open license. Such resources allow anyone to use, adapt/improve and remix the material without asking permission and they stimulate a new sharing culture for the sake of learning:



Watch the video at <http://tinyurl.com/wonderful-oer>

An OER movement has been growing in recent years sparked by a recommendation of the UNESCO in 2002 and driven forward by grass-root initiatives of educators and non-profit organisations. We see huge potential, which has, however, not fully reached the classrooms in Europe.

How to get involved?

There are three ways to join in:



Like our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Open-Educational-Ideas/421688584630506>



Visit our website and idea-sharing

platform <http://www.idea-space.eu/>

Or for specific questions you can directly contact the coordinator of *Open Educational Ideas*:

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